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25 April 1967

TO : Chief, SC Amson

FROM : ()

SUBJECT: Walter Paul WENDEL-ORTSCH

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NOTE: WENDEL is considered by SC Munich for employment as an agent. This is a preliminary report for vetting purposes.

1. WENDEL was born 12 October 1907 in Berlin. His father, Oberst der Gendarmarie Martin WENDEL, was executed by the Germans for anti-Nazi sentiments in 1945. His mother is now in the Soviet sector of Berlin. Subject is married; he does not know the whereabouts of his wife.

2. Subject studied music for four years. From 1928 to 1933 he was music "referent" for Jungstahlhelm-Bundesaufzucht.

3. WENDEL was a member of SA until the blood purge of 1934. He was never a member of the NSDAP.

4. In 1949 WENDEL was a 1st Lt with the GNR, serving in the capacity of a music instructor.

5. Between 1940 and 1942 WENDEL was allied with the following anti-Nazi resistance organizations and personalities:

- a. With the "Kreissauer Kreis";
- b. With "Agis" organization of Prof. Dr. CLEFF;
- c. With "Organisation Professor CLEFF";
- d. With "Die Deutsche Vereinigung" (which was a German pre-Soviet organization of artists, an organization later reorganized into the "Komitee Freies Deutschland");
- ee With Prof. Dr. CLEFF (who is now an SED functionary living reportedly in Rittergut Koschwitz, Niederlausitz);
- f. With STAUFFENBERG;
- g. With Graf MOLTKE;
- h. With Graf TORCK;
- i. With SCHULZE-NOY

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- j. With Dr. Gert WILCKE of the Reichskanzlei;
- k. With Von BARNHOFELD-WARNOV (Berlin W 50, Schlüterstr. 2);
- l. With Herbert GÖRING (nephew of Hermann GÖRING), who was working for the Soviet IS;
- m. With SS-Standartenführer SCHMIDT, who was working for the Soviet IS;
- n. With Col. Von MASSOW, friend of Gen. SCHLÖSSER, CG of the 1st Inf. Div., who was in touch with the Soviet IS;
- o. With Erich KERNER of the "Komitee Freies Deutschland";
- p. With Erich WEINERT of the "Komitee Freies Deutschland";
- q. With Bert BERTH of the "Komitee Freies Deutschland";
- r. With Col. Hans-Lee MARTIN, Dr. GÖNNEL's assistant, anti-Nazi, presently in Stuttgart.
- s. With Polish dancer WINNIEKHA, formerly a SIS-Soviet double agent and presently thought to be in Soviet employ in Berlin.
- t. With Werner BOHMANN (Berlin-Treptow, Postamt SO 36, Herzerstrasse 92); nephew of Martin BOHMANN.
- u. Erich BACH-WERNER (Berlin-Charlottenburg, Hammerstr. 2).
- v. With Heino SCHÖNER (Hilse C, Berlin-Grünow), who is presently politically active in the Soviet Zone.
- w. With Heino WERNER (presently living somewhere in Berlin), who organized the "Deutsche Vereinigung".
- x. With Franz WERNER (Greifswald, Oberfranken, House No. 162, registered with KZ-Prüfungstelle Bamberg, Anwesen 1542), who lately joined the KPD.
- y. From Hans M. BLOCK (Munich 19, Becklinstr. 54) of the Abwehr, who was in direct contact with General OSTER and knew about OSTER's contact with the Vatican.
- z. From Edith WILERS (cf. MSC/NOTE/012).
6. In 1942 WINKLER (together with Professor GLEFF and Herbert GÖRING) was arrested, charged before Volkgerichtshof in Berlin with treason, and sentenced to death. Later his sentence was changed to eighteen years hard labor. He was at first put in Sonder-KZ "Bitterweg".

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near Japenburg/Brs and then transferred to "Kdo.I" in Lomdingen, Kreis Iserlohn, Sauerland.

7. In March 1945 WENKEL, together with his friend Erich RASH-WENKEL (cf. para. 8-W) escaped from the KZ and gave themselves up to the 9th U.S. Army. WENKEL was put in WC Cage Romilly, France. He was used by an American "intelligence officer" Major CARSTENS.

8. In February 1946 WENKEL was transferred to AHB Ludwigsburg and held as a possible witness for WC Commission.

9. On 21 October 1946 WENKEL was transferred to Dachau. Frau BLOCK (cf. para. 8-Y), Heinz SCHROEDER (cf. para. 8-V), and Franz NEUMANN (cf. para. 8-X) brought his case to the attention of CIC. S/A SANFORD of CIC Dachau found WENKEL of interest and secured his release.

10. WENKEL has proposed "to work for an American CI agency." His proposal has for its objective "to penetrate the KPD IS"---to collect information on Russian I.S. activity in the American Zone--- "to inform on Nazi underground activity"---to find Martin BORMANN--- and "to recover copies of information collected by himself on behalf of the 'Agis' and 'Professor CLEFF' organizations (cf. para. 8 B and C).

11. Field Comment: S/A SANFORD was recently transferred to Munich. He is willing to transfer WENKEL to us, but would like first to attempt to recover the documents mentioned under paragraph 10.

() will secure all necessary vetting information from WENKEL. It is, however, requested to initiate vetting on WENKEL immediately. Berlin could possibly inform on paragraphs 8 b, c, e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w---specifically stressing paragraphs 8 b, c, e, j, k, t, u, v, w.

Headquarters comments and recommendations regarding the use of WENKEL are requested.

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